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SENATOR SYAS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis...oh, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I want to expand a little on Senator Syas' question because it would be generally true that as the bill is established it was advisory but in the amendments that have been adopted, we do assign to them two specific things to do, one of which is to develop and implement this state wide information system which is a step that is necessary. It is essentially a technician type of program, a developing of a kind of reporting system between the different types of institutions so that you have some basis of comparing like figures in the different schools or like comparisons, like costs of the different types of schools we have in the state, and that is a specific authority assigned. And then the other thing that we specifically assigned to them to do is the task for running the enrollment projection models for Higher Education Facilities Commission which currently is being done within the Legislature but, again, it is strictly a technician type of responsibility. But those two are assigned duties in which they have more than an advisory position but it is no way a policy position. It is purely a technical position.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, would you close debate on your motion to advance?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I will be extremely brief. I think the issue is out now that we do have the commission and they have assigned tasks of the budgetary process and the informational weight. I think that Senator Warner's comments helped to answer Senator Syas' concerns, I hope. We will pursue that for you, Senator Syas, on getting a legal opinion as the bill moves along. I would ask you to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB 579 be advanced. Record. Please vote. Have you all voted? Record. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I respectfully ask for a Call of the House so the other 23 members can have a vote.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question is, shall the House go under Call? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 24 ayes, to go under Call.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. Senator Murphy voting aye. All Senators please return to your chairs and record your presence. Senator Maresh voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Maresh voting aye.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach voting aye. Senator Savage voting aye. Senator Swigart voting aye. Please record your presence. Would the Sergeant at Arms secure the